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Order of Battle

1. An unidentified rifle regiment with "horse-drawn artillery, mountain artillery, mortar and heavy machine gun units" is located in a large area in northeast Zvezdets (N 42-07, E 26-24), Malko Turnovo Okoliya, with only the Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway separating the barracks area from the city proper. The highway bounds the area on the south and east, and the remaining sides are enclosed in a barbed-wire fence. The buildings consist of the following:

- a. Three 3-story buildings used as barracks;
- b. A garage;
- c. A stable;
- d. Several smaller unidentified buildings; and
- e. A considerable number of buildings used as quarters for about 80 officers and their families, both those of the rifle regiment and those of the Komandatura of 7 Border Guard Otryad [redacted] approximately 25 families).

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A small area which might possibly be an ammunition dump is located beside a stream which flows through the camp.

2. In 1952, there were Trudovak units in Zvezdets, but after a Trudovak from Purvomai Okoliya escaped to Turkey, the unit was moved to the interior.

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3. An unidentified rifle regiment is located in Tsarevo, [redacted] some of its ammunition stores are kept in the barracks area of [redacted] 3 Komandatura of 7 Border Guard Otryad in Kosti (N 42-04, E 27-48), so that if the regiment has to move toward the border rapidly it will not have to transport ammunition. 25X1
4. An unidentified rifle regiment is located in Burgas, where it shares its barracks area, on the northeast side of the city near the sea, with an unidentified armored unit. In 1952, the rifle regiment occupied a summer tent encampment in a valley between Gramatikovo (N 42-03, E 27-39), "Kondovo" and Bilgari (N 42-06, E 27-43), Melko Tarnovo Okoliya. The regiment included artillery and heavy machine gun units.
5. An unidentified unit of perhaps 300 men is located in the southwest part of Lagers Quarter, Sofia, at a place where 10 to 15 steel doors are located in the side of a long sloping hill 60-100 meters high and 1.5 to 2 kilometers long. The area is heavily guarded and entirely surrounded by barbed wire, a large number of trucks have been observed leaving and entering the area.

Miscellaneous Military Information

6. There are training schools for Border Guard officers at Simeonovc (N 42-37, E 23-20), Sofia Okoliya, a training school for Interior Troops (Vnitreshni Voyski) officers in Gorna Banya (N 42-41, E 23-19), on the outskirts of Sofia, and a school for Army communications officers in Silistra. There are also military training schools in Lovech, Pleven, Tarnovo and Ruse.
7. Military instruction is obligatory for secondary school and university students as preparation for military service or civilian defense in case of a war. This training is the responsibility of the administrations of the schools, and is given to the student body as a whole. Tests are given at the end of each yearly course and those who pass are given a certificate which exempts them from courses the following years. Similar instruction is also given by the DSNM (Dimitrovski Sklyuz na Narodnata Mladezh), Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth) to its members and to employees in various factories and other establishments. In the technical ceramics institute in Sofia, the instructors were all civilians and gave classes in the following subjects:
- Antiaircraft and chemical warfare; one hour daily for three months; this included instruction in aircraft identification, bomb shelters, poison gas and use of gas masks;
 - First aid; one hour daily for two months; and
 - Weapons familiarization; instruction and practice in assembling and using various weapons.

Miscellaneous Army Officers

8. [redacted] the following Army officers: 25X1
- a. First Lieutenant Petko Stoyanov, [redacted] resides at Vladayska Reka Streets [redacted] 25X1
- b. Senior First Lieutenant Dimitur Stankov Ananliev, assigned to an unidentified unit in Blagoevgrad Okoliya; gives speeches to new recruits and is on their physical examination board; [redacted] 25X1

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Ammunition Stores

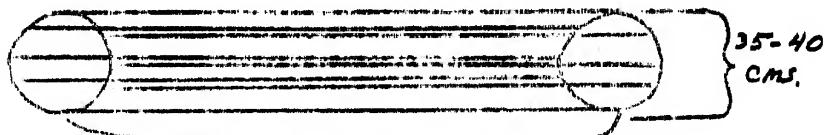
9. There are ammunition stores in the following places:
- a. On the southern outskirts of Lom, on a high, bare place opposite the artillery barracks, in a heavily guarded underground ammunition dump surrounded by barbed wire;
 - b. In a "castle" in Vidin, underground ammunition dump not surrounded by barbed wire because the castle is enclosed by a wall;
 - c. Next to a cemetery in the southeastern part of Vidin opposite the barracks of an unidentified unit;
 - d. Under a hill called "Dzhelchenem Tepe" on the southwestern outskirts of Plovdiv; the hill is completely surrounded by barbed wire and the steel entrance doors are on the eastern side of the hill;
 - e. Near Karlovo;
 - f. One hundred meters south of the Bulgariya textile factory east of the Sofia-Dragalevtsi highway; underground storage area for both ammunition and gasoline surrounded by barbed wire; a barracks building is also in the area; and
 - g. About 2-5- kilometers north of Malko Turnovo and one kilometer east of the Malko Turnovo-Burgas highway, two underground ammunition dumps which are always guarded by eight soldiers who have a small barracks building inside the 200 x 250 meter area; the area is surrounded by a double row of criss-crossed barbed wire and anyone who approaches within 50 meters is fired upon without warning.

Munitions Plants

10. All the ammunition for the Bulgarian Army is allegedly supplied by a munitions factory in Kazanluk, [redacted] and a smaller one, located just south of Sopot (N 42-38, E 24-46), on the other side of the road to Karlovo, which consists of one or two 2-story buildings camouflaged with yellowish-green paint and surrounded by stone walls. 25X1

Radio Stations

11. There is a radio set the size of a table in the radio shack of 7 Border Guard Otryad headquarters in Malko Turnovo. [redacted] the set was of 70-watt capacity. On top of the house are two antennae, one east-west, the other north-south, which consist of wires connecting two 35-40 centimeter rings 10 x 15 meters apart, as shown below. They are about 10 meters above the top of the roof. [redacted] this radio was used to contact agents in Turkey, to jam foreign radio broadcasts and sometimes also as a simple local radio station. 25X1



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12. A military radio station is located at an elevated place about 100 meters east of a secondary road leading from the Sofia-Dragalevski highway to an advanced seminary for Eastern Orthodox priests. It is 1.5 kilometers south of another seminary. The area, which is guarded by soldiers, contains three or four 1-story buildings and five or six antennae which are 15 to 20 meters high.
13. Another radio station guarded by soldiers is located in a small pine woods near the clay pits of the brick factories just outside Ivan Vazov quarter in the southeast part of Sofia. Antiaircraft batteries are located near the station.

Possible Radar Installations

14. In the villages of Zvezdets and Bulgari, Malko Turnovo Okoliya, in houses guarded by soldiers, are sets of equipment [redacted] which 25X1 [redacted] were used to detect enemy aircraft. The sets are the size and shape of a radio, 50 centimeters long, 30 centimeters high and 30 centimeters deep. The top half of the front of the boxes have glass covers behind which are various dials resembling clock faces. The sets have antennae 10 to 15 meters long which are strung between "pipes" on the roofs of the houses and nearby trees.
15. Four soldiers, one of whom is a corporal, maintain a constant watch on the sets and mount guard in front of the buildings housing the sets. In Zvezdets the set is in a newly built 1-story house with a red tile roof on a road off the main road which leads from the Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway to the center of the city of Zvezdets. In Bulgari, it is in a white-washed 1-story building opposite the schoolhouse and about 30 meters south of a pastry shop and a church.

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